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PROCLAMATION
STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in July 2002 scientists detected a new exotic insect within the state of Michigan, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a native to Asia and previously unknown to North America.

WHEREAS, by the time the EAB was detected and identified in Michigan, a widespread and unprecedented infestation of this invasive species had occurred - devastating approximately six million Ash trees, most of which are still standing, extremely fragile, and either dead or dying; and

WHEREAS, weeks after the discovery of the EAB, in an effort to control and prevent the further spread of this pest, the Michigan Department of Agriculture quarantined all Ash trees and products in affected counties and implemented the "Michigan Invasive Species Emergency Response Plan," which included creating the Michigan Emerald Ash Borer Task Force. This response plan also included other proactive measures in an effort to aggressively identify, detect, contain, and eradicate this invasive and extremely destructive pest; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Michigan Emerald Ash Borer Task Force continue, with representatives from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State University, and the United States Department of Agriculture (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Forest Service); and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Michigan Department of Agriculture quarantine, the United States Department of Agriculture, likewise, imposed a quarantine prohibiting the transport of Ash trees and material outside the quarantined area. Both quarantines remain in existence; and

WHEREAS, trees infested by the EAB present a significant danger to public safety because of their dry, brittle, and deteriorating condition; and

WHEREAS, the fragile condition of trees affected by the EAB makes them highly vulnerable to partial or complete collapse in the event of high winds, heavy rains, or ice accumulation. In addition, the affected trees pose an extreme fire hazard; and

WHEREAS, if not eradicated, the infested trees could endanger many lives within one of the nation's most populous metropolitan areas and other areas to which this infestation has spread. In fact, the infested trees could cause severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property.

WHEREAS, if not eradicated, the Emerald Ash Borer will continue to spread to other parts of Michigan and surrounding states due to accidental or illegal transport of trees and materials outside the quarantined area. The Providence of Ontario, Canada may also be at risk; and

WHEREAS, the following areas, within a six county “core zone” have been affected by the EAB. These political subdivisions have declared local States of Emergency pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Act – 390 PA 1976, as amended, MCL 30.410 (1)(b) and have activated the disaster response and recovery aspects of their Emergency Operations Plans to cope with this situation:

- Macomb County
- City of Wayne
- City of Birmingham
- City of Detroit
- Livingston County
- City of Livonia
- Washtenaw County
- City of Sterling Heights
- Monroe County
- City of Romulus
- City of Warren
- City of Southfield
- Charter Township of Plymouth
- City of Fraser
- Canton Township
- Oakland County
- City of River Rouge
- City of Allen Park
- City of Ann Arbor
- City of Dearborn
- City of Dearborn Heights
- Bloomfield Township
- City of Trenton
- Wayne County
- Lathrup Village; and

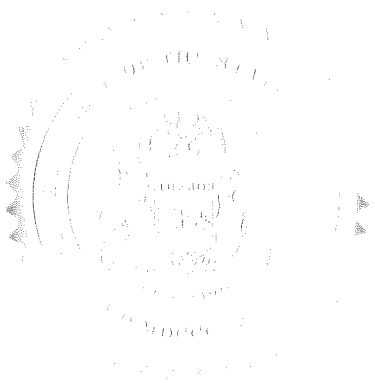
WHEREAS, the Emerald Ash Borer has also spread to the counties listed below:

- Ingham
- Genesee
- Jackson
- Lapeer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Michigan and provisions of Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended by Public Act No. 50 of 1990 and No. 132 of 2002, do hereby proclaim a state of emergency exists in the aforementioned local political subdivision(s); and

FURTHER, the Emergency Management Division of the Michigan Department of State Police shall coordinate and maximize all state efforts which may be activated to state service to assist the local political subdivisions and may call upon all state departments to utilize resources at their avail to assist in the emergency areas pursuant to the Michigan Emergency Management Plan; and

FURTHER, termination of this emergency will occur at such time as emergency conditions no longer exist and appropriate programs have been implemented to recover from the effects of this emergency, but in no case longer than May 27, 2004, unless extended as provided by Act No. 390 as amended.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand four.



Jennifer M. Granholm
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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